

CMRS BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 9, 2004
Kentucky Emergency Services Conference
Lexington, KY

Board Members Present: David Lucas, Dee Hopper, Richard Guittar, Forest Skaggs, Rob South, Laura Phipps, Sgt. John Bradley, Rodney Murphy, Acting Director, and Jennifer Jackson (Staff)

- I. **Welcome and Introductions:** Chairperson Laura Phipps called the meeting to order at 1:25 p.m. Sgt. John Bradley introduced himself as the KSP representative on the Board.
- II. **Approval of Minutes:** Forest Skaggs made a motion to approve the July 22nd and August 19th minutes as presented. Rob South seconded and all were in favor.
- III. **Administrator's Report:** Rodney asked Pam Slagle from BellSouth to give a brief run through of the BellSouth interconnect project. After Pam's statements Rodney stated that he thought he had worked out a tentative agreement with Kentucky State Police to be the anchor point for a contract with BellSouth to provide the interconnect service. He stated that KSP would be the anchor point but that CMRS and PSAP's would pay direct to BellSouth and that since this is not a tariff service it requires a specific contract. Pam will send clarification of the one-year estimate to Rodney to forward to the board. David Lucas made a motion to allow Rodney to work out the Memorandum of Agreement with KSP to agree to pay for KSP's agreement with BellSouth. Rob South seconded the motion. Rodney asked David to accept an amendment to the motion to say BellSouth's blanket agreement; David accepted the amendment and all were in favor of the motion as amended. BellSouth will distribute information to the PSAP's and have responses back to the board by the next meeting.

Rodney reported that he still has no good source for the GIS technical support for the Board. He is working with another state agency to try to get that needed support.

Rodney stated that a temporary service might be possible for some administrative support for the board office.

Due to the limited time for the meeting room, the details of the audit were not discussed. Laura Phipps appointed an audit committee to review the audit and to make recommendations as to how to address the deficiencies and/or problems found and to set guidelines for the auditors for the upcoming next audit process. Laura appointed Dee Hopper, Richard Guittar, Rodney Murphy and Jennifer Jackson as members of the committee.

Rodney reported that a letter recommending the board's selected candidates for the administrator's position was sent to the Governor's office. Since that time one of the selected candidates has withdrawn his name from consideration. No response has been received from the Governor's office.

Rodney presented a draft letter that he recommends be sent to all providers detailing the board's position regarding pre-pays. The letter was reviewed and changes suggested. Rodney will make the changes before sending to carriers.

- IV. **Personnel Committee:** No report.
- V. **PSAP Certification Committee:** Forest reported that the committee has not met but has scheduled a meeting for September 14th via conference call.

Richard stated that Cingular is asking him if they should just go ahead and blanket the state with

phase II equipment. Discussion followed but no board recommendation was made.

- VI. Cost Recovery Committee:** The committee has not met since the last board meeting. There are three plans to review and the committee will meet to review those before the next board meeting.

Richard stated that the board has invoices for Bluegrass Cellular, Verizon, Alltel, Cincinnati Bell Wireless, East Kentucky Network and nTelos totaling \$205,912.33 that are ready for approval. He stated that nTelos tariff charges were more than were estimated in their plan but as the board had previously approved a motion to allow invoices for tariff charges the invoice is ready for payment. Richard made a motion that the board approves payment of \$205,912.33 for the previously mentioned carriers. Forest seconded and all were in favor.

- VII. Other Business.** Rodney asked for comments on VoIP, stating that he would like to get ahead of the game for the state. Some discussion followed.

A letter from McCracken County addressed to the Governor requesting legislative changes to allow counties to assess wireless surcharge in the same manner as wire line was forwarded to the CMRS Board. There was some discussion of the letter and Sam Bard who is the 911 director for McCracken County said he didn't know what lead to the letter but thought that ultimately they are asking for the Governor and CMRS Board to funnel more funds to 911 centers.

There was some discussion regarding the boards attempt to raise the wireless surcharge in the 2004 legislative session but it did not pass. Sam requested that the Board send some sort of response to McCracken County. Rodney will draft a letter for the boards review and comments. Rodney said that he would pull out the study that we did when we decided on the \$1 surcharge proposal and email that to us.

A lengthy discussion followed regarding legislation to propose a surcharge increase. Rodney stated that he will take VoIP and wireless issues back to the administration but requested that folks get their legislators on board with the issues.

David Lucas made a motion to adjourn at 3:20, Rob South seconded. All were in favor.

Next board meeting will be October 21st at the CMRS Board Office.